

OFF-INSTALLATION MANEUVERS (The Basics)

Q: What are the advantages of training off-installation?

A: Off-installation maneuvers provide units the opportunity to train in realistic, unfamiliar and live environments in tactically current scenarios.

Q: How difficult is it to request off-installation training area?

A: Not at all. The process begins with an AE Form 350-22ER (dated Jan 98) provided to your nearest V Corps C / G-9 USFEAM office at least 35 calendar days (for company or smaller level units) prior to the first day of your planned training. The Maneuver and Consequence Management Officer then enables the process to notify several tiers (local, state, regional and national) of German civil and military authorities of your scheduled training. Within a very short time, you will be provided a written Approval of your requested training.

Q: Is it true that we can't maneuver across country like in the days of REFORGER (Return of Forces to Germany)?

A: Absolutely untrue. REFORGER-style "free maneuver" is actually alive and well in Germany. The Sending States (the United States included) have never "lost" their right to maneuver anywhere on public or private land or water in Germany. What has actually occurred is that units have (incorrectly) assumed that training is restricted or limited.

Q: What are the Host Nation authorities that are notified?

A: In Germany, V Corps C/G-9 USFEAM maintains direct contact with four (4) Military District Commands (WBK), four (4) Military District Administrations (WBV), the 16 German Federal States and hundreds of regional and municipal governments. This "behind the scenes" communication and coordination has only one focus: Facilitating the freedom of movement and enhancing the training experience that military units require.

Q: What are the Off-installation Maneuver Request Lead times?

A: For a company or smaller unit, four (4) calendar weeks is required while for Battalion sized units, six weeks are required. Brigades-sized units require a eight (8) week notification period.

Q: How does training off-installation differ from training on a Local Training Area?

A: Firstly, off-installation maneuvers can be structured for unlimited training activity (note: in some areas, certain restrictions do apply, but these are easily incorporated into your training plans) and can occur when you require the training, tailored for the type of environment that you need. Secondly, in the event that an incident does occur during an approved off-installation training event, USFEAM works directly with local and regional Host Nation authorities as well as with the U.S. Army Claims for consequence management, damage litigation and claims adjudication. All costs are therefore taken from Congressionally-funded allocations as opposed to your unit's operational funds; as would be the case if the incident occurred at a Local Training Area. Thirdly, off-installation training provide units to ability to "stretch" in the local environment and conduct combined arms training employed in doctrinal formations and realistic distances.

Q: What form is required to request an off-installation maneuver authority?

A: The only acceptable form is AE Form 350-22E-R (Jan 98) which is available via Form Flow. It can be digitally sent or faxed to your nearest USFEAM Office.

Q: What type of Training does USFEAM provide?

A: USFEAM Staff can provide on-site instruction as to Maneuvers in Germany: A Basic Orientation; Environmental Management System; Damage Limitation as well Media Training and

Q: What role does USFEAM play as regards the Maneuver?

A: From the initial stages of planning to well after a unit's last vehicle and Soldiers have arrived back in garrison, USFEAM staff is involved in pre-maneuver coordination and planning, providing training as needed, coordination with local communities, on-site during the maneuver to deal with issues or concerns (maneuver, Environmental, Civil-Military Cooperation) at an established Maneuver Operations Center and ever-present to provide advisement as necessary as well as validating any damage incurred with U.S. Army Claims during and after the training.